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Judicial Seminar

An Educational Program for Trial Court Judges

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INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI) is pleased to announce a one-day seminar for new and experienced trial court judges.

PARTICIPANTS

This seminar is designed for circuit, district/municipal court, and family division or probate court judges with a family docket. In light of judges' scheduling demands, judges may register to attend some or all of the sessions offered. Registration is *limited*. Session participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

FACULTY

All sessions will be led by professional consultants, judges, and practitioners with experiences and practices to share.

SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Session I Simultaneous Workshops

1A (Circuit)	1B (District)	1C (Family Division)
<p><i>Managing Civil Cases Using Evidence-Based Innovative Practices</i></p> <p>In Michigan, few cases resolve by way of a jury verdict. And yet the court docket is filled with pretrial conferences and hearings that consume the time of the judge. During this session, participants will explore how early judicial involvement and staged/proportionate discovery can result in earlier ADR and disposition of cases, fewer discovery disputes, and assist the trial courts in achieving the case aging and case closing metrics on SCAO's dashboards.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Hon. Edward Ewell, Jr., 3rd Circuit Court; Hon. Phyllis McMillen, 6th Circuit Court; Hon. Geoffrey Neithercut, 7th Circuit Court; Mr. Richard Hurford, Dispute Resolution Services (moderator); Practitioners (TBD)</p>	<p><i>Pretrial Practices: Keeping The Community Safe with Risk Assessment Tools</i></p> <p>Pretrial decisions often occur in a courtroom with a defendant and a judge, based on little more than a police report or other limited information. A money bond is often set, despite extensive research showing it is an ineffective tool to ensure future appearance and community safety. Research has identified key questions to guide pretrial decisions that utilize cost effective measures in lieu of jail with improved results. The key questions, trends in pretrial practices including financial bonds, risk assessment tools, and cost effective measures in lieu of jail will be highlighted during this session.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Hon. Louise Alderson, 54A District Court; Ms. Barb Hankey, Oakland County Community Corrections; Mr. Tim Bouwhuis, Pretrial Program, 17th Circuit Court</p>	<p><i>Handling Delinquency Cases Involving Domestic Violence (DV) Against a Family Member</i></p> <p>A session to identify the critical information the court should receive to understand the dynamics in the family of a juvenile charged with DV against a family member and using that information to craft an appropriate disposition plan.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mr. David Garvin, MSW, LMSW, and Ms. Jeffrey Cape, ACSW, LMSW, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County</p>

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Session II Simultaneous Workshops

2A (Circuit)	2B (District)	2C (Family Division)
<p><i>Managing Civil Cases Using Evidence-Based Innovative Practices (con't)</i></p>	<p><i>PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury: Appropriate Court Responses</i> A session to learn about PTSD and traumatic brain injury and appropriate court responses to defendants presenting symptoms of PTSD or traumatic brain injury in cases before the judge. <i>Speakers:</i> Hon. Jodi Debbrecht Switalski, 51st District Court; Ms. Nanette Colling, Coordinator, Veterans Justice Outreach</p>	<p><i>A Perpetrator Pattern-Based Approach to DV Cases Involving Children</i> This approach examines actions taken by domestic violence perpetrators to directly and indirectly harm children as well as assesses nonoffending adults' efforts to promote the safety and well-being of children. This behavior and fact driven model can provide judges with critical information to guide decisions in children protective proceedings. <i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Sarah Heuser and Ms. Joyce Wright, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board</p>

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch

12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Session III Simultaneous Workshops

3A (Circuit)	3B (District)	3C (Family Division)
<p><i>Managing E-Discovery and an Update on Attorney Fees Law and Procedure</i> The litigation landscape is changing. This session will provide practical information about managing e-discovery and a review of appellate decisions concerning attorney fees. <i>Speakers:</i> Hon. Archie Brown, 22nd Circuit Court; Ms. Dani Liblang, The Liblang Law Firm PC</p>	<p><i>Landlord-Tenant Law Issues</i> Judges who handle a landlord-tenant docket frequently face difficult legal issues and craft creative legal resolutions. This session offers a review of legal authorities to guide the resolution of recurring tenant issues (mental illness, gang membership), premises issues (vermin, rodents), and other common summary proceeding issues. <i>Speakers:</i> Hon. Bradley Knoll, 58th District Court; Hon. B. Pennie Millender, 36th District Court; Ms. Lorrain Brown and Mr. James Schaafsma, Michigan Poverty Law Program; Mr. James Fink, Fink & Valvo</p>	<p><i>Protective Proceedings Practices: Post In re Sanders</i> After the Supreme Court held the "single parent doctrine" was unconstitutional, <i>In re Sanders</i> __ Mich __ (2014), family division courts adjusted protective proceedings case management practices accordingly. This session will discuss those case management practices of concern as reflected by recent appellate court decisions and those practices which best comport with current law. <i>Speakers:</i> Hon. Timothy Connors, 22nd Circuit Court (invited); Hon. Kenneth Tacoma, Wexford County Probate Court; Ms. Jodi Latsuzek, Region II Administrator</p>

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Session IV Simultaneous Workshops

4A	4B
<i>Ethical Issues: Ex-Parte Communications and Social Media</i> An interactive session to review common ethical questions in select topical areas. <i>Speakers:</i> Hon. Monte Burmeister, Crawford County Probate Court; and Mr. Paul Fischer, Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission	<i>Vicarious Trauma</i> This interactive presentation deals with the impact of being exposed to stories of cruel and inhumane acts perpetrated by and toward people in our society. Participants will be encouraged to examine the effects the work can have on their perspective of the world, as well as share their own strategies for maintaining personal boundaries and wellness. <i>Speaker:</i> Ms. Maureen Reid, MSW, RSW, Social Work Consultant

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Seminar Concludes

REGISTRATION

MJI is pleased to offer online registration. Please click on the following link to register for the session date, location, and time appropriate for you: <http://courts.michigan.gov/MjiOnline>. Use the invitation code: **F95569**. Please use **Internet Explorer** as your browser when registering for this seminar.

CONFIRMATION

Applicants will receive an e-mail confirmation detailing specific on-site registration information. If you do not receive a confirmation by Wednesday, January 20, please contact MJI at 517-373-7171.

LODGING AND MEALS

MJI will provide double-occupancy lodging at the Detroit Marriott Troy, located at 200 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan, 48084, for all participants whose courts are located more than 65 miles from the Detroit Marriott Troy. If you request a single-occupancy room, you will be responsible for one-half of the double-occupancy room rate. All participants will receive lunch and coffee service during the seminar. All other incidentals, including breakfast, dinner, mileage, entertainment, phone calls, etc., are the responsibility of each individual or his/her funding unit.

Facility space constraints will not allow MJI to make any arrangements to accommodate spouses, family, or friends of a participant for meals or the seminar itself. If you require special accommodations, please indicate your needs when registering.

QUESTIONS

Please direct questions concerning the registration process to Heather Leidi at LeidiH@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-7229. If you have questions about the content of the sessions, please contact Bradene Moore at MooreB@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-2545.

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Friday, January 15, 2016